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## THIRTY-SEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN SEA COAST RAILROAD WRECK.

### Philadelphia Express Crashes into an Atlantic City Excur- sion Train.

### Collision Occurs at a Crossing on the Out- skirts of the Famous Re- sort.

### Express Fails to Slow Up, as Required by the Rules of the Com- pany.

### Wounded, So Far as Ascertained, Number at Least as Many as the Known Dead.

### Heroic Efforts of the Engineer of the Excursion Train to Save His Precious Charges.

### WOULD SACRIFICE HIS OWN LIFE.

### Work of Rescue on the Meadows, Where the Disaster Oc- curred—Relief Trains and Carriages Take Victims to the City.

A collision between the Reading Railroad's Atlantic City express from Philadelphia to the famous New Jersey Summer resort and an excursion train, which occurred at 6:45 o'clock last evening at a crossing of the Reading road and the West Jersey branch of the Pennsylvania, was the worst wreck that ever occurred in the State of New Jersey.

Thirty-seven persons are known to have been killed, and those known to have been wounded number as many. The list of the dead will surely be increased by the death of some of the injured.

The excursion train was made up of five cars. The express was going at full speed, the engineer failing to slow up as the rules required when nearing the crossing.

The engineer of the excursion train vainly tried to avoid the collision, with the certainty of losing his own life.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 30.—An excursion train, crowded with men, women and children, and an express train came into collision just beyond the limits of this city at 6:45 o'clock this evening. Thirty-seven persons were killed and thirty-seven injured. Never in the history of railroading in New Jersey has such a disaster occurred.

Almost immediately after the catastrophe the news reached Atlantic City, and relief trains, ambulances and carriages improvised into ambulances were sent to the scene.

**The Dead.**

As far as can be learned at this writing only four of the dead have been recognized. They were:

BELL, MR., of Bridgeton, who was on the excursion train, and was killed by the crash.

BELL, MRS., wife of Mr. Bell, who was at his side and was killed in the same manner.

FARR, THOMAS, of Atlantic City, engineer of the excursion train; killed in his engine.

THORN, SAMUEL, baggage master of the excursion train; crushed to death under the engine.

The express belonging to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad was running at high speed on its way to this place from Philadelphia, and at the crossing of the West Jersey Railroad, in the Meadows, dashed into the excursion train and wrecked nearly every one of the five cars.

The engine of the express struck the first car of the engine of the excursion train and jammed it against the succeeding cars, causing an appalling wreck. The first, second and fourth cars were shattered. The engine and rear car escaped.

The occupants of the forward car were hurled by the big express engine, which dashed its way through the wooden frame. The cars were piled upon one another in a most indescribable manner, and

those passengers who escaped injury are unable to describe how it happened.

**Families Wiped Out.**

Of the killed, twelve were women, two girls, two boys and twenty-one men. It is certain that the list of the dead will be swelled in the next few hours by several of the injured.

The Reading engineer, Edward Farrell, was killed. Samuel Thorne, baggage master of the Reading train, was also killed. The baggage car was wrecked. From the wrecked cars came the groans of the injured.

The work of rescue had just begun when darkness set in. In order to enable the relief corps to work, headlights of locomotives and gasoline torches were used. The scene on the meadows with the white railroad lights and the flaring torches moving here, there and everywhere among the debris, was awesome. To enhance the horror were the shouts of the laborers, drowning the groans of the injured. Every second wild shriek rose above the din of chopping axes, the pounding of hammers and the crash of timbers being cut away to relieve some dying person imprisoned in the wreckage, or to remove a mangled corpse.

Mothers waited for their lost little ones, children screamed for parents, and maddened fathers ran hither and thither in a gruesome search for loved ones.

The excursion was from Bridgeton and other places in Cumberland and Salem counties. It came here this morning, with the five cars filled with families on a day's outing. No one on the Reading train was hurt except the engineer and baggage man. It is stated the signals were set for the West Jersey road's train to pass the crossing first. The engineer of the Reading train is said to have been unable to stop his train as he approached the crossing, and failed to slow down as required by the rules of his road.

**Willing to Sacrifice Himself.**

He usually found the crossing open for him to pass, and kept on at full speed until within a short distance of the signal tower. Then he tried to stop, but it was too late.

The engineer of the West Jersey train is said to have attempted to take the collision on his engine when he saw that one was inevitable, but overran a few feet, and before he could back so that his engine would be struck the Reading train crashed into the first passenger car. A 276

The injured being brought here are in most cases badly hurt. Arms and legs are crushed and mangled. Scalp wounds and gashes about the body are shown by nearly every one. All the doctors in the city, including those who are visiting here, have been called into service. The priests and ministers are also aiding in caring for the wounded.

It was slow work getting the dead and injured from the wreck. The movement of every timber was accompanied by the greatest care. The dead are terribly mangled.

**Anxiety for Friends.**

Not a soul is at rest in this city to-night, and fully ten thousand persons are anxiously awaiting news from the scene of the disaster, fearful that some loved ones, or perhaps friends, are among the victims. The City Hospital, the Sanitarium, the private hospitals, the police and fire stations and several private houses are being utilized for the accommodation of the injured and the disposal of the dead.

These are besieged by anxious hundreds, telegrams are pouring in from all over South Jersey and from Philadelphia asking for information, but comparatively few Philadelphia people were injured, as the express was not in the thick of the wreck, save the engine and baggage car. The fireman of the Reading engine jumped to the left, and escaped with a few minor injuries.

Conductor Kelly, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, had both legs broken, his arm crushed, and was injured internally. He will probably die before morning. The splintered car of the Bridgeton train is scattered around the tower house for fifty yards.

The roof remained almost intact and fell upon the mangled victims of the car, covering them completely. After the collision the Pennsylvania engine ran back to Atlantic City, and help was also telegraphed for from the signal tower. A relief train was run within a quarter of an hour from the Reading depot; several others followed.

By 10 o'clock there were gathered at the City Hall about thirty-five physicians, who had brought with them large supplies of splints, bandages and everything of use in such an emergency. They all entered a half dozen patrol wagons and were taken to the station, where they boarded a special train for the scene.

**Relief Trains.**

The Pennsylvania officials sent out relief expeditions in charge of Captain Samuel E. Perry, Prosecutor of the Peace in Philadelphia, who offered his services. In addition to the Fire Department the city sent nearly all of its force out, and some of the letter carriers volunteered their services.

The conductors, brakemen and engineers of both roads were pressed into service, and even the Pullman car porters lent a hand, fifty men were required to get the dead from under the engine alone.

On the first relief train sent out by the Reading road, fifteen people were brought in, two of them dead. On the second train there were twenty-seven, every one dead. One of these was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Bridgeton, were killed and their daughter, Miss Bell, who accompanied them escaped almost without a scratch. Albert Mosebach, of No. 18 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, tells a story most thrilling of the accident.

The excursion was made up of four trains of the New Jersey Red Men and large delegations of the members and their families were on board, tired, but happy, after their day at the shore. The tribes were the Cohansick, Ahwanetah, Majra and Towah.

The Bridgeton train stopped for a minute before reaching the signal tower, on the meadows, and started again when the white light was shown, but the engineer had hardly got under way when the Reading train came down the road at terrific speed.

**Could Not Stop.**

The engineer was apparently unable to stop his train, and it went crashing into the other, going clear through one of the cars.

The engine was thrown on its side and a dozen people were buried under it. Late to-night the engine was taken from under tons of twisted iron, and though his body was mangled beyond recognition, his hand still tightly grasped the throttle.

He is Thomas Farrell, of Atlantic City, and his body was taken to his home, where his family was awaiting him. Samuel Thorne, the baggage master, was in some way thrown under the engine, and he, too, is dead.

**Death of a Brave Policeman.**

Policeman O'Hara, of the Macdonough Street Station, last night died at his home, No. 51 Bedford street, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased was forty-five years old. He was appointed to the police force in April, 1890 and through his bravery was awarded by medals by Congress and the Police Board. One of his bravest feats was performed about four years ago, when he leaped into the North River from the foot of Vesey street, and rescued a mother and daughter, who had fallen overboard and were drowning.

## LIGHTNING PLAYS MAD PRANKS.

### It Strikes Washington Arch and the Shock Knocks Down a Woman.

### A Bolt Illumines a Trolley Car and Burns a Little Girl's Head.

### Heavy Skylight Shattered by the Storm Falls in Pieces All About a Typewriter.

### MANY ARE PROSTRATED BY HEAT.

### Altogether the Day Is Memorable for Sudden Changes and Filled with Discom- fort and Terror for Humanity.

There was a brief, but violent change in the fierceness of yesterday when about the middle of the afternoon a storm burst over the city. Up in the lofty tower of the Survey building, when the suddenly arisen storm had lasted five minutes, a man at the thermometer indicator said: "The mercury has fallen fourteen degrees." Ten minutes later it had fallen to 67, or twenty degrees from the 87 degrees register of 3:30 o'clock. The reduction in temperature was phenomenal. So was the rainfall while it lasted. But it was all over in twenty minutes.

At the height of the storm, about 3 o'clock, a bolt of lightning struck the top of the Washington Memorial Arch in Washington square. The shock knocked down Mrs. Mary Lavelle, of No. 20 Bedford street, who had sought shelter from the rain under the arch. An ambulance surgeon from St. Vincent's Hospital, examined Mrs. Lavelle, but could find no marks on her. The surgeon decided that she was simply suffering from shock, and after administering restoratives took her to her home.

### Like Loud Artillery.

Policeman Livingstone was standing by the south side of the arch when the lightning struck.

"It became very dark," said he, afterward, "when suddenly a flash of lightning that made the square look as if the sun was shining, came down from the sky. A terrific peal of thunder followed. I have been through the Orange riots at Montreal and stood in front of the Ireland building when it caved in, but I never heard such a racket before. The shock I received made me jump about four feet into the air."

### The electric bolt struck the corner stone of the coping on the southwest end, at the top of the arch. The end stone was thrown out of place about half a foot, but is in no danger of falling. On the edge of the stone displaced, is a jagged line about eight inches long, where the lightning struck.

A drain pipe runs from the top of the arch to the asphalt pavement, and the lightning may have followed the course of the water in this pipe to the street, and thus may have given the shock to Mrs. Lavelle.

Whether any damage was done to the roof of the arch cannot be learned. The electric bolt struck the corner of the arch and one of the Park Commissioners has the key.

Mrs. Patrick O'Connor, of No. 10 Henry street, this city, accompanied by her seven-year-old daughter, Mamie, and a neighbor, with two other children, were on their way to the city hall to see the electric bolt about 3 o'clock. When the storm began the passengers were compelled to stand on the seats to keep out of the way.

### Little Child Burned.

Mrs. O'Connor and Mamie were standing on the back seat when, as the car reached Fifty-sixth street, the lightning, which had been very brilliant, struck the trolley wire and ran down into the car, illuminating everything brilliantly for a moment. Little Mamie was standing beside the door, and the hair had been burned from her head. The child was only slightly dazed, and none of the other passengers were injured. The car was driven to the depot by Dr. Muchmore, of Fifty-sixth street, and she was able to return to this city with her mother in the evening.

A massive skylight in the Edison Building, Nos. 42 and 44 Broad street, was crushed in by the wind and rain. Miss Mrs. O'Connor, who was standing under the skylight, was struck by a splinter bolt about the head, inflicting painful, but not dangerous, lacerations. She had a narrow escape, for a hundred pounds of glass fell all about her.

A big plate window directly behind the Magistrate's seat in the Jefferson Market Court was blown down at the same hour. Magistrate Deuel was hearing a case at the time. Rain drove into the rooms, but the court continued in session until 6 o'clock, despite the interruption.

### A large tree in front of No. 29 Montomery street was blown down at the same hour. The tree obstructed traffic in the street for sev- eral hours before it was moved aside.

A tree in front of No. 194 West Twenty-third street was struck by a bolt of lightning at 4 o'clock, and was damaged in such a manner that it was dangerous for pedestrians to pass under until it was cut down.

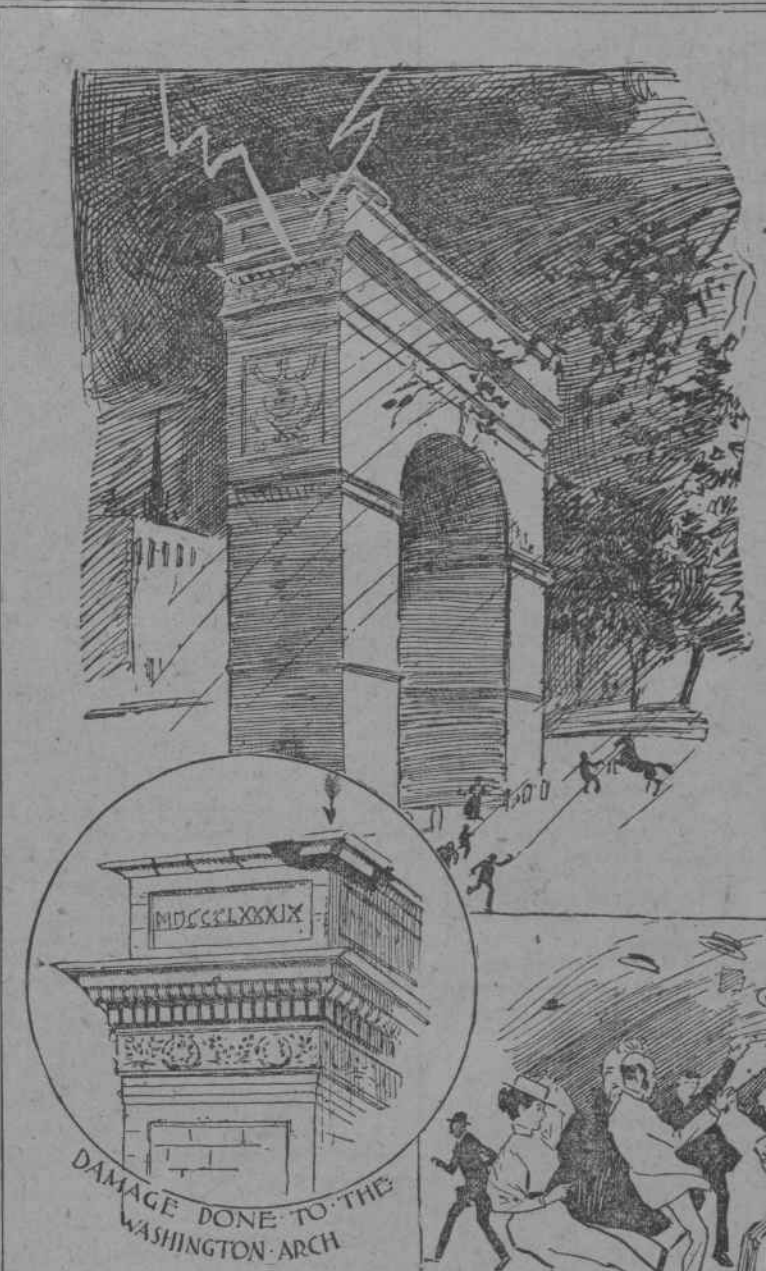
The sixty-foot flag pole on the roof of Darius Tallman's stables, which extend from No. 173 to No. 177 West Eighty-ninth street, was struck by a terrific bolt about 4 o'clock, and twenty feet of the pole, splintered.

In the harbor and lower bay the full force of the squall was felt. Sails came down in a trice and vessels anchored in all sorts of unaccustomed positions. One big schooner was blown out of the bay and struck by a terrific wind velocity, dead calms and other meteorological trimmings crowding fast upon each other's flitting heels in a way to make the day remarkable.

### The thermometer registered 94 in Broad- way yesterday. It has measured 100. But up in Sergeant Dunn's crier the best the mercury could do was 87. It had come up to 87 at 3 p. m. from 78 at 8 a. m.

"The humidity causes the discomfort," said Mr. Dunn. "The humidity for the

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## VANDERBILT-WILSON WEDDING TO-MORROW.

### Will Take Place at the Resi- dence of the Bride's Father.

### Young Cornelius Has Left Home and Is at the Hotel Savoy.

### Has Been in Daily Attendance Upon His Fiancee All the Week.

### HIS BROTHER ALBERT WILL AT- TEND.

### No Other Members of the Vanderbilt Family Will Be Present, But the Wilson Con- nections Will Be Liberally Represented.

The marriage of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and Miss Grace Wilson will take place to-morrow at the residence of Richard T. Wilson, the bride's father, No. 511 Fifth avenue.

Although the preparations for the wedding and the time set for it have been kept secret, this announcement was made yesterday by an intimate acquaintance of both the Vanderbilt and Wilson families.

It was not until after the secret departure of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sr., for Newport last Sunday morning that the day for the wedding was definitely fixed. During Mrs. Vanderbilt's recent illness, caused by a stroke of paralysis nearly three weeks ago, it was understood that neither the Vanderbilt-Wilson wedding nor the Whitney-Vanderbilt wedding would take place until Mr. Vanderbilt had thoroughly recovered.

So far as the latter wedding is concerned this understanding is still in force.

THE YOUNG MAN BOUND TO WED.

Young Cornelius, however, appears to have shown every desire to hasten his marriage with Miss Wilson. It was his determination in this direction that precipitated his father's illness. When Mr. Vanderbilt, senior, was on the fair road to recovery, and a day or two before he left town for Newport, he had another interview with his son. The tenor of this interview is not known, but early on the following Sunday morning the entire family except young Cornelius left the Fifth avenue mansion.

### HE LEAVES HIS FATHER'S HOUSE.

There were still enough servants in the house to minister to all the young man's wants, but on the following day (Monday) he engaged rooms at the Savoy Hotel, where he is now staying.

The only member of the Vanderbilt family who is likely to attend the wedding is young Alfred Vanderbilt, the brother of the bridegroom-elect.

### The wedding will be very quiet, as only the members of the Wilson family and a few intimate friends will be present.

Richard T. Wilson, Sr., his son Richard, Jr., and Miss Grace Wilson were the only members of the family at the Fifth avenue mansion yesterday. Mrs. Richard T. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson are expected to arrive from Newport sometime to-day. As soon as the wedding is over the family will return to Newport, while the young couple will take a trip through the South and West. On returning from their bridal tour they will probably go to Europe.

### BRIDE HAS BEEN IN TOWN ALL WEEK.

Miss Grace Wilson came to town from Bay Shore last Monday, and since her arrival young Cornelius has been a constant visitor at the house. On Tuesday they went for a long drive in the Park and the upper part of the city, and on Wednesday

## WHY HANNA IS IN NEW YORK.

### Here to Test the Strength of Silver Sentiment in the East.

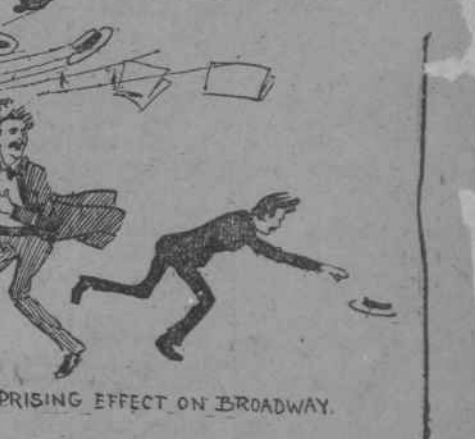
### If Powerful, McKinley's Accept- ance Will Be the Usual Strad- dling Platitude.

### If Not Dangerous, the Latter Will Be in Line with the Platform Adopted in St. Louis.

### HANNA OFF TO SEE WHITE-LAW REID.

D. O. Mills and J. P. Morgan with Him—Platt Denies He Has Seen the Assistant Ad-  
vance Agent of Prosperity—A Confer-  
ence at the Lawyers' Club.

Mr. Hanna's visit to New York has deeper purpose than the mere rent-  
rooms and opening of headquarters.  
conferences with the leaders of his  
have a purpose beyond all this.



### WILD PLAY OF THE STORM.

One of the most spectacular freaks was the striking of Washington Arch by a thunderbolt. The corner stone of the coping at the southwest end of the top of the arch was cracked and the end of the stone thrown out of place about a half a foot.

They drove downtown and visited Tiffany's. Yesterday morning Mr. Vanderbilt spent a couple of hours with his fiancée before noon and afterward walked around to the Grand Central Station, where he paid a short visit to Dr. Chauncey M. Depew. He called on Miss Wilson again in the afternoon.

Dr. Depew declined yesterday to say anything about the coming wedding or about young Vanderbilt's visit to him. At the Wilson home no information about the wedding would be given out.

It is not definitely known who will perform the marriage ceremony, but it is most likely that Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will officiate. The Wilsons are members of his church.

### Vanderbilt Still Improving.

Newport, R. I., July 30.—Dr. James W. McNamee has issued a statement as follows: "Mr. Vanderbilt's condition shows slow but steady progress toward recovery. He has passed a comfortable day. The statement said to have been made by me that he was able to walk about his room is entirely untrue and misleading. He is still confined to his bed."

### WILL BE NO BOND ISSUE.

President Cleveland Emphatically Denies That Such a Step Is in Contemplation.

### Buzzard's Bay, Mass., July 30.—President Cleveland to-day said that there was abso- lutely no truth whatever in the statement that there would be a bond issue during his Administration—possibly in December.

### HUNCHBACK GIRL THIEF.

Arrested for Stealing a Watch, She Tries to Fasten the Crime Upon Her Mother.

Frances Clark, aged fifteen, of No. 618 Water street, a hunchback girl with handsome features and a profusion of golden curls, was a prisoner in the Essex Market Court yesterday charged with grand larceny by Agent John Dietz, of the Gerry Society.

It was charged that the child entered the premises of Solomon Alter, at No. 9 Montgomery street, on Wednesday afternoon and stole his vest, containing a gold watch and chain valued at \$150.

The girl took the property to a pawnshop at the corner of Grand and Scammon streets and offered it to the proprietor for \$25. The latter held the property and told her to send for her parents.

In the meantime Alter had discovered his loss and notified the police. The girl did not come back after the jewelry, but the detectives found her at home and turned her over to the Gerry officers.

The girl said that her mother stole the watch and sent her out to pawn it. The mother was then arrested. She denied the knowledge of the theft, and as there was no evidence against her beyond the girl's word, she was discharged. The girl was held in \$2,000 bail for trial.

### Although this is the first time the child was ever arrested for stealing, she has twice been placed in Gouverneur Hospital for drunkenness. The last time, about two weeks ago, she was so violent that small as she is, it took three attendants to control her. She and her mother are both well-known to the officers of the Madison Street Station and to all the pawbrokers in that section, where they have lived several years.

### Silver Claims South and West.

Washington, July 30.—The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has issued, as a campaign document, a map showing all the States of the Union, with the electoral vote of each. The explanatory letter press claims that free silver will carry all the States south and west of Pennsylvania, with a total of 330 electoral votes. New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with 117 electoral votes, are claimed as doubtful.

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